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 Title: IMPLANTABLE OR INSERTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES CONTAINING
 ACRYLIC COPOLYMER FOR CONTROLLED DELIVERY OF
 THERAPEUTIC AGENT
 Group Art Unit: 1615
 Atty. Docket No.: 02-321

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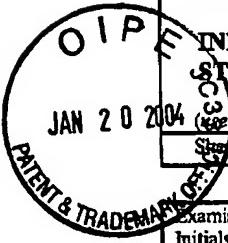
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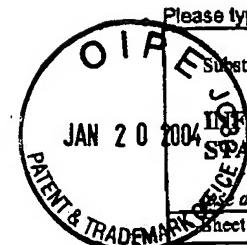
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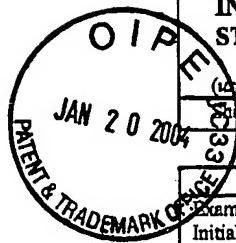
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